

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP TREASURER BRENDA MCKINNEY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Brenda McKinney on the occasion of her retirement from Superior Township, Michigan, where she has served as Treasurer for over 25 years. Her significant contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Ms. McKinney has a long history of service to Washtenaw County, Michigan. In 1996, she retired from the Washtenaw County Treasurer's Office after 15 years of service. She decided to bring her wealth of knowledge back home and run for Treasurer of Superior Township in August of 1996. Ms. McKinney was successful. She made history as the township's first elected African-American treasurer and has been reelected every 4 years since. Responsible for managing the Township's funds and investments, she has modernized and improved the Township's tax collection and cash management systems. Her efforts to improve the functioning of the Treasurer's office will benefit the Township and its residents for years to come.

For the past 26 years, Ms. McKinney has been a crucial leader in Superior Township and has always been willing to step up to the plate. Recently, she worked with local leaders in ministry to ensure that all members of the community have access to the vaccinations they need to be healthy. When people are hungry, she makes sure they are fed and connects those in need to affordable housing and health care services. Active in charitable causes and serving on several humanitarian boards, she is a mentor to her fellow public servants and a friend to many. Everything she does is in service of her fellow neighbors, and the passion she has for her community is evident in her work. Ms. McKinney continues to reside in Superior Township with her family.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Treasurer Brenda McKinney. We are grateful for her nearly 40 years spent serving the citizens of Superior Township and Washtenaw County. Her wisdom, experience, and caring heart has guided me in my own public service, and I am blessed to call her my friend. I join with Brenda's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to her in retirement.

HONORING THE PATRIOTIC SERVICE OF CHOC CHRISTOPHER

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the lengthy public service career of Choc Christopher.

For the last eighteen years, Choc has faithfully served the students, teachers, and administrators of the Celina Independent School District as a Trustee. He has dedicated his career to expanding and improving education access for students of all ages in Celina, Texas. Moreover, he served as President of the Celina School Board for five years and worked on the Alla Hubbard Educational Trust Board for eight years. Choc leaves behind a powerful legacy that encompasses an efficient school administration, updated facilities, and expanded access to education. Generations of students, teachers, and administrators will benefit from Choc's extraordinary contributions to the Celina ISD community.

Mr. Christopher was instrumental to Celina ISD's rapid growth, and through his leadership, the students of Celina experienced brand new, state-of-the-art educational facilities and sports complexes. Choc is also a twenty-one-year member of the Celina Quarterback Club and had the privilege of operating the clock for Celina High School and Celina Middle School football games—his favorite pastime.

I have requested a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Choc Christopher's lifelong contributions to the good people of Celina, Texas. Furthermore, Madam Speaker, I would like to personally commend Mr. Christopher for his years of dedication to Celina ISD. May God bless him in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING GUAM'S NATIBU DANCE ACADEMY ON THEIR 27TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Guam's Natibu Dance Academy (Natibu) for their exceptional talents, acclaimed performances, and outstanding commitment as ambassadors of our island community, CHamoru heritage, and vibrant Pacific region. I would like to further congratulate Dr. Benjamin "Benjie" Santiago for over 27 years of leadership in advancing the Hafa Adai spirit beyond Guam's shores by fostering the skills and passions of countless dancers through the Academy.

Impassioned with a mission to cultivate greater cultural diversity in dance, Dr. Santiago founded Natibu in 1995. From a

humble summer camp at the Barrigada Community Center to success on numerous international stages, the group that once consisted of only 21 students has grown into a thriving agent of CHamoru pride, learning, generosity, and excellence. Uniquely navigating a mix of CHamoru, Hawaiian, Tahitian, and Maori genres, Natibu is a visionary force in the world of traditional dance. Dr. Santiago's certifications by the late Uncle George Lanakilakeikiahiali'i Na'ope and Al Makahinu Barcarse as Kumu Hula in 1999 and 2002 respectively, further strengthen his ability to explore new opportunities for Natibu dancers to rise as champions of artistic discovery.

The numerous recognitions Natibu has garnered throughout the years illustrate the distinction with which they represent Guam. In addition to earning the Governor's arts awards and Hafa Adai spirit award, the group has obtained several top placements in the local Guahan Asia Hula Festival and Dinanña' Minagof Chamorro Dance Competitions. With Honorary 1st and Overall Championship titles at Oahu festivals including the Keiki Hula Competition, King Kamehameha Hula Competition, Hula 'Oni Festival, and the E Ho'i Mai I ka Piko Hula World Invitational, they also maintain a fine record of elevating Guam's presence among international communities. Moreover, they have tirelessly pursued greater connections with places as far as Taiwan, China, Japan, and the Philippines through various promotional collaborations with the Guam Visitors Bureau.

On behalf of the People of Guam, I would like to extend a sincere congratulations to the Natibu Dance Academy for their many years of service to our island, region, and larger Pacific family. The traditions and stories they share through the art of cultural dance admirably empower our community, enrich others, and inspire many more to similarly honor the histories inscribed on our Pacific peoples. I further commend Dr. Benjamin "Benjie" Santiago for his dedication to developing novel connections between cultural revitalization, transpacific identity, and the gifts and talents of our youth. It is truly an honor to join both Natibu and Dr. Santiago as they celebrate nearly three decades of achievements and growth, and I look forward to seeing the next chapter of their journey as they continue to elevate CHamoru and Pacific voices.

RECOGNIZING MS. KAREN APONTE

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Karen Aponte on the occasion of her retirement from the Los Angeles Police Department. After 42 years of dedicated civic service to the people and communities of Los Angeles, Ms. Aponte will be deeply missed.

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Ms. Aponte's career began in June 1980 with the City of Los Angeles as a parking attendant. In April 1986, she joined the Los Angeles Police Department as a Police Service Representative, where she answered to 9–1–1 emergency calls as a frontline responder to those in need of help. In times of crisis and major events, Ms. Aponte provided consistent and critical support to law enforcement. Ms. Aponte's achievements have resulted in more than 27 well-deserved commendations during her career.

She earned recognition for her performance during the 1992 Civil Unrest, the devastating 1994 earthquake, her professionalism during situations with distressed children, and during the Lakers Championship parade in 2000 when a tactical alert was declared after 250,000 people filled the streets of Los Angeles. During the Democratic National Convention in 2020, Ms. Aponte received praise for her commitment to service excellence.

In 2001 Ms. Aponte was assigned to the Timekeeping Unit where she evolved as the timekeeping subject expert. She worked diligently to ensure the smooth function of the unit as she exceptionally performed all her duties. There was no task too big or too small that Ms. Aponte did not welcome.

For her remarkable accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Police Service Representative II Karen Aponte. Her decades of public service and commitment to the Department and the people of Los Angeles are worthy of the highest commendation.

HONORING THE 21ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS 2022 SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, today we congratulate the 2022 Service Academy appointees from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

The following individuals have accepted Academy Appointments:

Hudson T. Baese, Canyon High School, New Braunfels, United States Air Force Academy. Austin G. Curtis, Robert G. Cole High School, San Antonio, United States Air Force Academy. Walker L. Cunningham, Robert G. Cole High School, San Antonio, United States Merchant Marine Academy. Bradley J. DeMeritt, UTSA, Franklin High School, New Braunfels, United States Military Academy. Joseph G. Drastata, Canyon High School, New Braunfels, United States Military Academy. Logan J. Kitchen, Claudia Taylor Lady Bird Johnson High School, San Antonio, United States Military Academy. Austin W. Locke, UTSA, Boerne High School, Boerne, United States Merchant Marine Academy. John T. Murphy, Wimberly High School, Wimberly, United States Naval Academy. Noah A. Purify, USNAPS, Claudia Taylor Lady Bird Johnson High School, San Antonio, United States Naval Academy. Ella M. Rudik, BASIS Shavano, San Antonio, United States Air Force Academy.

These outstanding students have much to contribute to their chosen Academy and to our country. We appreciate their talents and their patriotism.

I hope my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in congratulating these truly heroic young men and young women.

HONORING 75 YEARS OF THE MICHIGAN WATER COLOR SOCIETY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Michigan Water Color Society as they celebrate their seventy-fifth anniversary. Their significant contributions to our community and their seventy-five years spent promoting local artists and their work throughout the state of Michigan are worthy of commendation.

In September 1946, a group of about 70 watercolorists interested in forming a statewide society met in the galleries at Detroit's Scarab Club to discuss creating what became the Michigan Water Color Society. Their exploratory meeting focused on the need for integrity, professionalism, and inclusion of all points of view. By the end of the year, the Society was established, with Emil Weddige of the University of Michigan and William Bostick of the Detroit Institute of Arts serving as the first co-presidents. Their first exhibition was held in Detroit in June 1947, featuring fifty-nine unique paintings.

Annual juried exhibitions are the Michigan Water Color Society's premier event, these exhibitions feature watercolor paintings by Michigan artists and are on display for Michiganders and art enthusiasts of all ages to see. Winning artists receive cash prizes, and their paintings are then shown at museums around the state. The Michigan Water Color Society also provides other opportunities for Michigan artists to display their art such as "Out of the Box"—a "not necessarily watercolor" art showcase that exhibits other artistic mediums beyond watercolor. A volunteer-run organization, the Michigan Water Color Society has created a welcoming community for artists of all ages and backgrounds. They work tirelessly to promote and showcase the talents of our Michigan artists and share their passion for art with us all.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Michigan Water Color Society on this special day. We are grateful for their seven and a half decades spent enriching our culture in the state of Michigan. We wish them the very best in the years to come and congratulate them on their seventy-fifth annual exhibition at the Kayrod Gallery in Detroit, the city where it all began so many years ago.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENSURING CHILD HEALTH COVERAGE COMPENSATION IN DIVORCE ACT OF 2022

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Ensuring Child Health Coverage

Compensation in Divorce Act of 2022. This bill would require that when a court directs a non-custodial parent (including a stepparent) to provide health insurance for a child, the other parent can get reimbursed directly from the insurer for any out-of-pocket medical expenses for the child incurred by such parent, regardless of the source of insurance.

In a divorce, one parent is typically court-ordered to provide health insurance for the child to prevent the child from being uninsured. However, the other parent may pay for out-of-pocket medical expenses for the child that are reimbursable by the insurer. Under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, group health insurers are required to directly reimburse a parent who pays for reimbursable out-of-pocket medical expenses when the other parent has been court-ordered to provide health insurance for the child. However, other health insurers are not required to directly reimburse the other parent.

This bill would provide the same requirements for all health insurers to ensure that the parent who pays for the out-of-pocket medical expenses is reimbursed.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING WOMEN'S HEALTH MONTH

HON. SHONTEL M. BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Women's Health Month. This month, we seek to empower women to make their health a priority and recommit to raising awareness of and addressing the conditions and diseases that impact women across America.

As a woman and as a Black Woman, I am keenly aware of the health challenges that disproportionately impact women of color. From maternal health and autoimmune diseases to mental health and various forms of cancer, women—especially women of color—experience a variety of unique health care issues. Expanding access to health care and improving outreach, awareness, prevention and treatment strategies is critically important.

This Women's Health Month, I would like to draw attention to Uterine Fibroids. More than 25 million American women suffer from Uterine Fibroids, and around 80 percent of Black Women can expect to experience them by age 50. This disease can be devastating to a woman's life and her reproductive health. It causes debilitating symptoms and can negatively impact fertility. Uterine fibroids are a serious public health challenge, and they expose and exacerbate underlying racial health disparities.

In the face of this challenge, we need more funding for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment interventions, as well as public education. That is why I am proud to cosponsor Congresswoman YVETTE CLARKE's landmark bill, the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Uterine Fibroid Research and Education Act. The bill, named after my esteemed predecessor in Ohio's Eleventh District who was a longtime champion for women's health issues during her time in Congress, would increase research funding for uterine fibroids.

Specifically, the bill would establish \$150 million in research funding for the National Institute of Health and create a new public education program through the CDC. To help address the grave threat uterine fibroids pose to women of color, the bill specifically highlights the need to raise awareness of Uterine fibroids in the Black community.

I am proud to join Congresswoman CLARKE and my other colleagues in supporting this critical bill, and I look forward to its swift consideration here in the House.

HONORING THE PATRIOTIC
SERVICE OF OUR FALLEN HEROES

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the patriotic service of the men and women who have given their lives in defense of the United States. From the icy waters of General Washington's crossing of the Delaware River to the burning sands of the Middle East, our armed forces have continuously devoted themselves to the cause of freedom and liberty for all Americans and our allies.

Today, this great Nation takes a moment to honor those who have given the last full measure of devotion that we might continue to proclaim the United States as the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. Our warriors have ensured with their very blood that all Americans might live in peace and security. Our warriors have fought in the trenches, on the beaches, in the streets, and on the seas. They have faced the most violent and evil foes in human history and have claimed victory.

From my very own district hailed one of the finest examples of American bravery, First Lieutenant Audie Murphy. He remains the most decorated American Soldier in our Nation's history having received the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Star Medals, three Bronze Stars, three Purple Hearts, and many other citations. Lt. Murphy hailed from Kingston, Texas in Hunt County. While he is a shining example of American heroism, this same spirit lives on in all who have heeded the call to serve their Nation from the Fourth District. Others from the Texas' Fourth Congressional District who heeded the call of duty include the following heroes:

First Lieutenant Allen Arthur Brill served our nation during the Second World War as a Pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Born in Franklin County in 1916, Lt. Brill was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Air Medal, and Purple Heart.

Lieutenant Colonel Oren Calvin Atchley of Hunt County gave the last full measure of devotion for us in the mountains of the Korean Peninsula. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart.

U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Daniel Lasaule Chappell of Camp County was KIA in the dense forests of South Vietnam defending the free world. He was awarded the Purple Heart for his selfless courage.

Staff Sergeant Ennis Murry Bankhead of Lamar County, Specialist Four Jose Sanchez Monetmayor of Fannin County, Lieutenant Warren Bacon Wisdom, Private First Class

Darrel D. Council, and many other servicemembers of the Fourth District who have given their lives bearing the torch of freedom for all of us.

I have requested a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize our warriors and their families whose sacrifices have secured the blessings of freedom and liberty for generations. It is my hope that we never forget these individuals and may God rest their souls.

RECOGNIZING GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize six young men and women in my district who were awarded the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad during the 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 academic years. This program's mission to "expand the number of young American citizens gaining knowledge, linguistic, and cultural skills that are critical to our national security and prosperity" is admirable, and our community is incredibly proud of the following students' achievement:

Humna Chaudhry of Bensalem, PA, studying in Singapore;

Sabrina De Nicola of Churchville, PA, studying in Spain;

Humna Rub of Doylestown, PA, studying in the United Kingdom;

Ryan Smith of Warrington, PA, studying in Indonesia;

Ian Yannuzzi of Southampton, PA, studying in New Zealand;

Mikaila Harper of Chalfont, PA, studying in Uganda.

At a time where our Nation's policy approach to security and diplomacy is actively challenged and adapting, the conviction of these young men and women is exceptional. We commend their participation in the Gilman Scholarship and are grateful for their commitment to strengthening the relationships and standing of the United States around the world.

CELEBRATING THE 104TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 104th anniversary of the Republic Day of Azerbaijan, and to extend my best wishes to all Azerbaijanis. May 28th marked the founding of the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan, when the people of Azerbaijan first gained their independence from the Russian Empire in 1918. Although Soviet forces ended Azerbaijan's independence in 1920, the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan was the world's first secular parliamentary democratic republic in a predominantly Muslim

nation—earning diplomatic recognition from the United States during the administration of President Woodrow Wilson. We also recall that the Democratic-Republic of Azerbaijan granted universal suffrage to its citizens in 1918, making it the first Muslim country to give women the right to vote.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, Azerbaijan restored its independence on October 18, 1991, when its Parliament adopted the Constitution Act on the Restoration of the State of Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan has emerged as a key partner for enhancing global energy security, especially as the U.S. and European countries look for alternatives to Russian energy in the wake of Putin's unjustified war against Ukraine. Azerbaijan provides roughly 40 percent of Israel's oil consumption and enjoys friendly ties with Israel beyond oil sales. Jews have resided in Azerbaijan for 2,500 years without persecution and today, the Jewish community in Azerbaijan numbers over 12,000. Azerbaijan is also home to Christian communities and has been praised for its religious tolerance by the European Parliament.

It is also worth noting that Azerbaijan has provided significant humanitarian aid to Ukraine during this trying time, an exception among former Soviet non-NATO countries that led Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to publicly thank the President of Azerbaijan for this courageous step.

Azerbaijan is a key global security partner for the United States. As an active member of NATO's Partnership for Peace program, Azerbaijan cooperates with the United States in countering terrorism, nuclear proliferation, and narcotics trafficking. Azerbaijani troops were among the last partner militaries to leave Kabul airport, facilitating the evacuation until the very end.

As co-chair of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, I stand with the Azerbaijani people as they continue to work towards independence and security as well as to embrace human rights and democratic values. I congratulate the people of Azerbaijan on the centennial of their Republic Day. May the partnership between the United States and Azerbaijan progress and continue to benefit both of our nations.

HONORING THE TRI-CITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S MEMORIAL DAY SALUTE TO VETERANS CEREMONY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Tri-City Community Development Corporation on the occasion of their Memorial Day Salute to Veterans Ceremony in Detroit, Michigan. The group's work to improve the lives of our entire community and honor our servicemembers is worthy of commendation.

Today and every day, we honor the veterans of the greater Detroit area and honor those brave and patriotic servicemembers who we have lost. Freedom is not free, and today we pause to remember those who gave their

all for their country. We commend our veterans for their honorable service to this country and all of the work they continue to do for our communities. We are proud to honor and recognize them this Memorial Day at the future site of Eden Park.

Eden Park is a vibrant outdoor area located in Southwest Detroit and will be the first park in Michigan catered specifically for Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers. It will also offer senior, veteran, and disabled citizens' accommodations. This environmentally conscious park will contain beautiful botanical gardens, large and eco-friendly trees, raised vegetable gardens, walking paths, a playground for children, an amphitheater, a veteran's memorial, and other picnic and play opportunities.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Board of Directors and Staff of Tri-City Community Development Corporation and the Eden Park Community Project Steering Committee on this day. We would especially like to thank Crystal Ancrum, Reverend William J. Price, and Miranda White-Redley who all served our country honorably in the United States Army and put together this special event. We are thankful for the work that this organization has done to improve the lives of Detroiters through their tireless advocacy and look forward to the opening of Eden Park. I thank them for coming together today to honor those who have served our country.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INDIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN CENTRAL FLORIDA AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, I acknowledge the strong, multidimensional, and mutually vital partnership between the United States of America and the Republic of India. Our two nations share a partnership for peace, progress, and prosperity. The solidarity between our two democratic countries and open economies is a force for global good.

One of the important pillars of this relationship is the enduring bridge provided by the Indian American community in my district. I regularly meet with Indian American community members, including successful hotel owner Mr. Jan Gautam, and learn from them about our Indian friends and their progress. Support from the Indian-American community, through the Asian American Hotel Owners Association, was instrumental in assisting Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria.

During my past trip to India, our delegation was briefed on the significance of advancements in Artificial Intelligence technology, its role in the relationship between our nations, and its possible applications to the industry and workforce. We met with former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization, Aluru Seelin Kiran Kumar, where we discussed its organizational structure, mission focus, applications, and accomplishments. Later, in meetings with the former Minister of

Science and Technology Harsh Vardhan, we discussed the importance of space exploration and cybersecurity advancement, all in the context of collaboration between our great democracies.

I recently met with the Indian Consul General to the Southeast, Dr. Swati Kulkarni. I learned about India's developmental efforts, including efforts through the recent announcement of the 2022–23 Union Budget.

During the COVID–19 pandemic, our two nations worked closely. There was robust collaboration in the health sector, including in vaccines, where the U.S. provided raw materials to India for vaccine production during a time of surging cases in the country.

I look forward to continued collaboration between the United States of America and the Republic of India.

MAY CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH ROSE TEDING

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Oceanside resident Rose Teding as my May Constituent of the Month. Rose has dedicated countless hours to various community service projects to help the Oceanside community and has inspired many others to join in her efforts.

As President of the Woman's Club of Oceanside, Rose Teding has been donating more than half of her time in a volunteer capacity to the Oceanside community for years. In her capacity as President, Rose oversees a large volunteer team that facilitates community service programs, engages in civic outreach, supports children and domestic and sexual assault victims, helps individuals experiencing homelessness, and more. Even during COVID–19, the Woman's Club of Oceanside still organized and found ways to safely serve our community members.

During Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month, I am proud to celebrate the exceptional work of individuals like Rose Teding who volunteer their time and contribute to our unique and beautiful district. I'm so grateful for CA–49 residents who dedicate their lives to the betterment of our residents and community, and I'm proud to honor Rose Teding as my May Constituent of the Month.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROSE LINDA KORTEN

HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Rose Linda Korten. Living in Millsboro, DE, formerly of East Brunswick, NJ, Rose Linda Korten passed away on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. She was 73 years old.

Born in the Bronx, NY, she resided in East Brunswick before settling in Millsboro, DE, 7

years ago. Rose attended Walton High School in The Bronx, NY; received her Bachelor's Degree in Health and Physical Education from Long Island University, and 2 Masters Degrees of Educational Leadership and Supervision from Hunter College, New York, NY.

Prior to retiring in 2003, she was the Deputy Director of the Public-School Athletic League for the New York City Board of Education. She worked with high school students at Seward Park High School for over 30 years.

She enjoyed volunteering at the food pantry at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, word games, and visiting casinos. She adored animals, especially her Bichon Frise, Vegas.

Surviving are her lifelong partner and wife of 40 years, Brenda Pinkney; their son, Duane Anthony Pinkney, Sr. of Atlanta, GA; grandson Duane Anthony Pinkney, Jr. (Shanita Thigpen) and granddaughter Hannah Rose Pinkney (Tanika Jones); her brothers, Matthew Korten (Marci) of East Brunswick, NJ and Michael Korten (Jennifer) of Ardsley, NY; her sister, Barbara Hammel (Hal) of Boca Raton, FL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who loved her dearly.

Again, I honor the life and work of Rose Linda Korten.

HONORING THE LIFE AND PATRIOTIC SERVICE OF PRIVATE JAMES WILLIAM BROWN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the life and service of Private James William Brown. James honorably served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He tragically has been missing in action since April 5, 1966. This Memorial Day, he is being remembered by his family, friends, and neighbors in his hometown of Maud, Texas. As the Congressman for that district, I would like to join them in commemorating Private Brown.

James was born on July 22, 1946, and was a resident of Maud, Texas where he lived with his parents William and Shirley. James was the oldest sibling and is now survived by his sister Becky Sorsby and brothers Mark Brown and Bill Embry, Jr.

Eight years into the Vietnam War, when more than half of the men eligible for the draft were deferred, exempted, or disqualified, 17-year-old James proactively answered the call to serve his country. Putting country over self, he decided to end his high school education and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on August 30, 1963.

A little over two and a half years later, James found himself as a rifleman for Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division in a hazy jungle of South Vietnam. While engaged in a combat mission against hostile forces, James was the lead scout towing a rope across the Rach La River in Vietnam's Mekong River Delta in an effort to secure safe passage for the rest of his unit. That is when the river's waters began to rise quickly, and he was overtaken by the duplicitous waters. After days of searching, he was declared missing in action. Private James William Brown paid the ultimate sacrifice and

56 years later, his body has yet to be recovered.

Private James William Brown posthumously received the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal for his service and bravery.

This Memorial Day in Maud, Texas, the town where he enlisted and one in which I proudly represent in the United States Congress, there will be a memorial stone dedicated to the honor and sacrifice of Marine Private James William Brown. This event is sponsored by SPC Israel Garza of the American Legion, Post 161 and will be highly attended, as so deserved. I pray that the memory of this patriot will live on in all those who attend this memorial.

Madam Speaker, I have shared with the House today only a small portion of this great American's life. I have requested a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Private James William Brown's patriotism and devotion to God, family, and country. Furthermore, Madam Speaker, I extend my personal condolences to the family of James for the loss of such an extraordinary man of service and duty. May God rest his soul.

INTERNATIONAL LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the LGBTQIA+ community as we enter Pride month and reaffirm our commitment to LGBTQ rights for people all over the world. Everyone should have equal protection under the law regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. We shall celebrate and commemorate our diversity and raise awareness over the issues that plague our communities, including the LGBTQIA+ communities.

The LGBTQIA+ community is filled with giants who have made immeasurable contributions to our country, including Marsha P. Johnson, who dedicated her life to helping homeless transgender youth and who led the

Stonewall uprising, Harvey Milk, the first openly gay official in California, and Audre Lorde, the writer who devoted her life to confronting the intersectionality of discrimination.

It is unconscionable that anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination continues to threaten the LGBTQ+ community. From workplace discrimination, lack of access to healthcare, homelessness, to high rates of violence, it is no secret that these issues are systemic.

LGBTQIA+ rights are critical to the future of this country. Our country is stronger and better off when everyone is protected under the law and has the equal opportunity. I reintroduced H. Res. 1128, the 2022 Resolution Calling to End Homophobia, Transphobia, Biphobia, and Intersexphobia, to uplift the LGBTQIA+ community. H. Res. 1128 is a call for full equality and acceptance for all LGBTQIA+ people in this country and around the world.

We must take immediate steps to address the disparities in access to healthcare and cultivate inclusive environments in all our communities. Make no mistake, we still have a long way to go to achieve true equality, but we have the power to take a step in the right direction. In a world where we can be anything, let's choose to be allies who love their neighbors, no matter who they love.

Madam Speaker, I urge the entire House to join me in uplifting LGBTQIA+ rights in all our communities. Our country and world win when people are free from discrimination and are given equal opportunity. We must protect this community and we must find the political will to do it.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF GENERAL JOSEPH M. MARTIN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize General Joseph M. Martin on the occasion of his retirement. We are honored to have him returning home to serve as the Grand Marshal for the City of Dearborn's ninety-sixth annual Memorial Day Parade. His honorable years of service to our community and to our entire country are worthy of commendation.

Born and raised in Dearborn, Michigan, General Martin is a graduate of Dearborn High

School. He went on to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point and earned degrees at the University of Louisville, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. After graduation from West Point, he joined the 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division. Following years of successful brigade command domestically and during deployments through Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom, he became the Chief of Staff of III Corps at Fort Hood. Some of his other assignments include Observer/Controller at Fort Irwin, Aide to the Commanding General at the U.S. Armor Center at Fort Knox, Battalion and Brigade Operations Officer and Aide to the III Corps Commanding General at Fort Hood, Armor Branch and Fires and Effects Division Chief at the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, and Initiatives Group Director for the Commander of U.S. Forces Iraq and U.S. Joint Forces Command. General Martin was appointed to serve as Vice Chief of the Chief of Staff of the Army on July 26, 2019.

Having served in the Army for thirty-six years, General Martin is the recipient of numerous awards and commendations for remarkable service, including the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star Medal. Even though he is the third-highest ranking officer in the U.S. Army and is highly decorated, he serves this Nation with the pride and humility of a true patriot. In his role as Vice Chief of the Chief of Staff of the Army, he is always searching for new ways to support our men and women in uniform, including focusing on mental health efforts to save soldiers at risk of death by suicide. He resides in the Washington, DC area with his wife Leann and their two children, Joey and Kylie.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring General Joseph M. Martin for a career of exemplary service to our Nation in the U.S. Army. I join with General Martin's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my gratitude to him from a grateful Nation and thank him for all he has done for our armed forces. We also thank him for serving as Grand Marshal this Memorial Day as we come together to honor those who gave their all for this country. We wish him the best in retirement.